



Senate

General Assembly

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Substitute Senate Bill No. 435

Senate, April 10, 2014

The Committee on Public Health reported through SEN. GERRATANA of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF FUNERAL DIRECTING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of section 20-207 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2014*):

4 (3) "Funeral directing" means the business, practice or profession, as
5 commonly practiced, of (A) directing or supervising funerals, or
6 providing funeral services; (B) handling or encasing or providing
7 services for handling and encasing dead human bodies, otherwise than
8 by embalming, for burial or disposal; (C) providing embalming
9 services; (D) providing transportation, interment and disinterment of
10 dead human bodies; (E) maintaining an establishment so located,
11 constructed and equipped as to permit the decent and sanitary
12 handling of dead human bodies, with suitable equipment in such
13 establishment for such handling; [and] (F) conducting an establishment
14 from which funerals may be held; (G) engaging in consultations
15 concerning arrangements for the disposition of human remains,

16 including, but not limited to, arrangements for cremation or alkaline
17 hydrolysis; (H) casketing human remains; (I) making cemetery and
18 cremation arrangements; and (J) preparing funeral service contracts, as
19 defined in section 42-200;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2014	20-207(3)
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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill does not result in a fiscal impact to the Department of Public Health as it is not anticipated to impact the number of funeral home inspections (they are inspected annually) or regulatory activities associated with licensed funeral directors.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

OLR Bill Analysis**sSB 435*****AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF FUNERAL DIRECTING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill expands the scope of practice of funeral directing to include (1) consulting about funeral arrangements, (2) casketing human remains, (3) making cemetery and cremation arrangements, and (4) preparing funeral service contracts. Under current law, funeral directors may engage in a variety of activities relating to funerals and the proper disposing of deceased bodies, including the handling, encasing, embalming, transporting, and interring of human bodies.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2014

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 25 Nay 0 (03/25/2014)